

Thursday, May 30, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, June 3, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3553–3561 were introduced. **Page H5753**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2754, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement, amended (H. Rept. 104–524 Part II); and

H. Res. 445, providing for consideration of H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–601). **Page H5753**

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 66 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 199, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 29. **Pages H5649–50**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Earl Blumenauer presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. **Page H5650**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Agriculture, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. **Page H5655**

Military Construction: By a yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 201, the House passed H.R. 3517, making appropriations for mili-

tary construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Pages H5659–74**

Rejected the Furse amendment that sought to eliminate funding for Spinelli Barracks or Taylor Barracks, Mannheim, Germany (rejected by a recorded vote of 121 yeas to 289 noes, Roll No. 200). **Pages H5669–73**

H. Res. 442, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H5655–59**

Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization: The House passed H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government. **Pages H5674–H5724**

Agreed To:

The Weldon of Florida amendment, as amended by the Sensenbrenner amendment, that increases funding for NASA research and program management including personnel and related costs, travel, and research operations support, and decreases funding for mission communication services, academic programs, and space communication services (agreed to by a recorded vote of 354 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 203); **Pages H5674–85**

The Gekas amendment, as modified, to establish a bi-agency working group between the National Weather Service and the Federal Aviation Administration to further assess the potential for the operational use of FAA weather radar data by the weather service, and to define the engineering considerations involved in implementing a data sharing link between the two. On Wednesday, May 29, the

House agreed to a similar unmodified amendment offered by Mr. Gekas; **Pages H5685–87**

The Wamp amendment, as modified, that increases funding for National Weather Service operations, research, and systems acquisition for warning and forecast systems and decreases funding for the polar-orbiting operational environmental satellite system program; **Pages H5701–04**

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that removes the prohibition on funding authorized for indoor air research; **Pages H5709–10**

The Solomon amendment that denies grants and contracts to any institution of higher education that has an anti-ROTC policy; **Pages H5715–17**

The Brown of California amendment, as amended by the Morella amendment in the nature of a substitute that authorizes \$90 million for the National Institute of Standards Manufacturing Extension Partnerships program. **Pages H5717–24**

Rejected:

The Jackson-Lee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the agreed-to Weldon amendment that sought to increase funding for NASA research and program management, including personnel and related costs, travel, and research operations support (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H5676–85**

The Scott amendment that sought to increase funding for NASA Advanced Subsonic Technology (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 204); **Pages H5687–90**

The Roemer amendment that sought to eliminate authorization for the Space Station (rejected by a recorded vote of 127 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 205); **Pages H5690–95**

The Roemer amendment that sought to decrease funding for the Space Station by \$75 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 206); **Pages H5695–97**

The Brown of California amendment in the nature of a substitute to the agreed-to Wamp amendment that sought to increase funding for the National Weather Service by \$26 million; **Pages H5701–04**

The Lofgren amendment that sought to remove the prohibition on funding authorized for the climate change action plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 207); and **Pages H5705–09, H5711–12**

The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to remove the prohibition on funding authorized for the environmental technology initiative (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 208). **Pages H5710–11, H5712–13**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make

such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H5724**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of the House concurrent resolution and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kasich, Hobson, Walker, Kolbe, Shays, Herger, Sabo, Stenholm, Slaughter, and Coyne. **Pages H5725–32**

Rejected the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to agree to the Senate-passed levels of discretionary spending, as set by the amendment offered by Senator Domenici; to agree to section 325 of the Senate-passed resolution, relating to "balance billing" of Medicare patients by health care providers; to agree to section 326 of the Senate-passed resolution, relating to Federal nursing home quality standards; and to agree to section 327 of the Senate-passed resolution, relating to protection under the Medicaid program against spousal impoverishment (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 209). **Pages H5725–32**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 3. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday. **Pages H5732–35**

Late Report: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31 to file a report on H.R. 2650, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain sentencing inequities for drug offenders. **Page H5735**

Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. **Page H5735**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 5. **Page H5735**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5754.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5649–50, H5672–73, H5673–74, H5684–85, H5685, H5689–90, H5694–95, H5696–97, H5712, H5712–13, and H5731–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2023, amended, to provide for a land exchange between the Ironton Country Club of Ironton, OH, and the Secretary of Agriculture involving Wayne National Forest; H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, GA, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resources Conservation Center"; H.R. 2670, amended, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; and H.R. 3464, amended, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on those measures and on the following bills: H.R. 1223, to amend the act of June 15, 1938, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase lands within the boundaries of certain National Forests in the State of California to include the Angeles National Forest and to expand the purpose for which such purchases may be made; and H.R. 3541, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas, to cause instream flows to be created above a wild and scenic river, to eliminate potential development on private inholdings within the forest boundary, to reduce the need for future water reservoirs, to reduce the number of Federal land uses authorizations, and to improve the security of the water supply of the city and the company. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cremeans and Barcia; Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

VA, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

MANAGED CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Contract Issues and Quality Standards for Managed Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING NATURAL GAS VEHICLES—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal Government's Role in Promoting Natural Gas Vehicles. Testimony was heard from Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy for Programs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

IDEA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3268, IDEA Improvement Act of 1996.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense: Responding to the Current Ballistic Missile Threat. Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

U.S. ROLE—IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS—BOSNIA AND CROATIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S. Role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Bosnia and Croatia. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Redman, U.S. Ambassador to Germany; and Peter W. Galbraith, U.S. Ambassador to Croatia.

SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL SECURITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Southeast Asia Regional Security: Dragons, Dominoes, and Dynamos. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; Gen. Michael Carns, USAF (Ret.),